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From: Rollins, Christopher
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2013 11:07 AM
To: Maier, Brent; McDaniel, Doug
Cc: Snyder, Raquel; Keener, Bill; Jones, Joel E.
Subject: RE: PCB Inquiry on Behalf of Senator Mark Begich: Cutter Storis

Brent,

Doug and I are familiar with the Storis. I will check with my management to see how they want to address Region X's U.S. Senator Mark Begich's inquiry.

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Subject: PCB Inquiry on Behalf of Senator Mark Begich: Cutter Storis
Importance: High

Chris/Doug –

Would either of you have any familiarity with the issue in the e-mail attachments below. My HQ Congressional colleague is wondering whether this is an issue we might be familiar with and would like to follow up on with the Region X U.S. Senator Mark Begich's office. Please let me know.

Brent Maier

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From: Snyder, Raquel
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2013 10:21 AM
To: Maier, Brent
Subject: FW: Cutter Storis

Hi Brent,

Please see the email below from Senator Begich's office. It concerns the decommissioned Coast Guard Cutter STORIS and plans for her to be towed to Mexico for scrap. The concern is that PCB's may still be present on the ship. Is this issue something R IX is familiar with and would like to handle?

Many thanks,

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From: King, Bob (Begich) [mailto:Bob_King@begich.senate.gov]
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2013 9:08 AM
To: Ganesan, Arvin
Cc: Rollins, Christopher
Subject: Cutter Storis

Arvin,

I understand the EPA is in contact with Pacific Tugboat company of San Diego regarding the decommissioned Coast Guard Cutter STORIS. The company is towing the WWII vintage cutter to Ensenada, Mexico for scrapping.

We have been provided information that the cutter is not PCB-free as had been previously considered. A 2000 inspection found encapsulated PCBs above 50 ppm were detected in at least two samples of foam insulation. I am told that export of such a contamination is prohibited by Toxic Substances Control Act and the Basel Convention.

Senator Begich has a long standing interest in this vessel. We hope EPA considers this information seriously before determining its disposition.

Can you please inform me of the current status of the STORIS tow and any change in its status.

Thank you,

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